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Consider taping this up somewhere to keep you on track!

### August

\_\_\_\_ Make any necessary holiday travel reservations

### August – October

- \_\_\_\_ Take holiday or photo wear inventory
- \_\_\_\_ Reserve photographer for family photo
- \_\_\_\_ Gather family info for gifts
- \_\_\_\_ Create your budget
- \_\_\_\_ Invite and schedule holiday guests' visits
- \_\_\_\_ Make haircuts or dental appointments for Nov or Dec

### Mid-October

- \_\_\_\_ Do all the Christmas shopping and prep gifts for wrapping
- \_\_\_\_ Add needed holiday items to shopping list:
  - Holiday plug-ins, scent warmers or air fresheners
    - Candy canes
    - Wrapping paper / Gift bags / Wine bags
    - Gift card holders
    - Ribbons / bows
    - Gift tags
    - Boxes and tissue paper
    - Parcel tape
    - Lots of batteries
- \_\_\_\_ Write holiday newsletter
- Create card or newsletter recipient list
- \_\_\_\_ Reserve tickets for special events or shows
- \_\_\_\_ Get guest room ready
- \_\_\_\_ Schedule in fun Christmas activities
- \_\_\_\_ Plan a party
- \_\_\_\_ Create party guest list
- \_\_\_\_ Schedule deep cleaning of home
- \_\_\_\_ Schedule car servicing if traveling

### November

- \_\_\_\_ Block out a decorating date on calendar
- \_\_\_\_ Block out a day for your next year goal planning
- \_\_\_\_ Order turkey or ham if needed and mark date of pick up on calendar
- \_\_\_\_ Complete Travel Reminder Checklist

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- \_\_\_\_ Begin planning baking
- \_\_\_\_ Complete newsletter and/or photo cards and mail
- \_\_\_\_ Plan company coming menu and holiday meals
- \_\_\_\_ Complete cooking schedules
- \_\_\_\_ Mail party invitations
- \_\_\_\_ Wrap all the presents and mail those that need to be sent
- \_\_\_\_ Complete the Christmas Eve or day planning page

# December

- \_\_\_\_ Decorate home
- \_\_\_\_ Have kids write Santa letters
- \_\_\_\_ Polish silverware and serving pieces
- \_\_\_\_ Iron tablecloths and napkins
- \_\_\_\_ Purchase champagne for New Year's Eve
- \_\_\_\_ Place on calendar any of the following that are needed:
  - o Parties or special events for school, church, or community
  - Dates for any volunteer work (live nativity, feeding the hungry, etc.)
  - Christmas lights viewing and hot cocoa with friends/family
  - Date to visit Santa for pictures
- \_\_\_\_ Get out children's holiday books to read each night

## Christmas Eve

- \_\_\_\_ Attend candlelight service at church
- \_\_\_\_ Get out all stocking stuffers and gifts (check your lists to remember them all)
- \_\_\_\_ Get coffee ready
- \_\_\_\_ Get fireplace ready
- \_\_\_\_ Leave Santa his cookies and milk
- \_\_\_\_ Turn off children's alarms on their phones (hehehe)

## After Christmas

- \_\_\_\_ Purchase next year's Christmas cards or stationery while on sale
- \_\_\_\_ Purchase decoration containers, if necessary
- \_\_\_\_ Put decorations away

# New Year

- \_\_\_\_ Complete New Year's Resolution form and hang in visible sight.
- \_\_\_\_ Complete the Budget form.
- \_\_\_\_ Make note in your calendar in August to print out your Christmas Planner!